

RNE MONTHLY FIELD PROGRAMME DELIVERY REPORT
(Excluding emergency projects)
As at 31 July 2007

I. Analysis of field programme delivery in the NE region

The delivery estimates of the FAORNE field programme, at 31 July 2007, are of US\$ 20 million (excluding HQs delivery estimates). The actual delivery is US\$ 10.1 million (51%).

a) Delivery achieved in the region

The achieved delivery, as shown in Table 1, is US\$ 10.1 million, representing 51% of the overall/RNE delivery estimates for 2007, with 48% delivery for projects operated from decentralized offices and 52% for projects operated by RNER. The shares per operator of the achieved delivery are as follows: 68% (\$6.9 million) from RNER operated projects and 32% (\$3.2 million) from decentralized operated projects. Table 1 shows also that the delivery of TF projects represents about 90% of the overall achieved delivery.

b) Delivery estimates for 2007 and 2008

The 2007 delivery estimates of OA projects operated from RNE is US\$ 20 million. As for 2008, the delivery estimates are at present at the level of US\$ 22.7 million. The TF projects represent 90% of the overall 2007 delivery estimates and 93% of the 2008 delivery estimates (FPMIS- 3 August 2007).

c) Total available budget for implementation as at 31 July 2007: The total available budget for implementation is about US\$ 87 million out of which 94% is of TF projects.

Table 1- Summary of RNE field programme delivery
Situation as at 31 July (FPMIS as of 3 August 2007)

Project Operator/Fund Type	Actual Delivery US\$ million			Budget Holder's Provisional Estimates for 2007 (as at July) US\$ million	Delivery as July 2007 against Budget Holders' Estimates for 2007 (%)	Available budget as at July 2007 US\$ million
	2005	2006	2007 (as at July)			
RNE Total Delivery	23.2	19.1	10.1	20.0	51	87.0
Total TCP	4.9	1.7	0.9	1.9	47	5.0
Total TF	17.9	16.8	9.0	17.9	50	81.8
Others (UNDP/SFS)	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	100	0.2
RNER Operated Projects	11.8	12.9	6.9	13.4	52	73.6
RNER TCP	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.8	50	1.3
RNER TF	9.5	11.7	6.3	12.4	51	72.1
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	100	0.2
FAORs/Reg.TO Operated Projects	11.4	6.2	3.2	6.6	48	13.4
FAORs/Reg.TO TCP	2.9	1.0	0.5	1.1	45	3.7
FAORs/Reg.TO TF	8.4	5.1	2.7	5.5	49	9.7
Others (UNDP/SPFS)	0.1	0.1				

In accordance with the above figures, the 2007 delivery is expected to be in the range of the delivery achieved in 2006 (US\$ 19 million). With the installation of most CTAs recruited under the KSA programme, the delivery of the FAO/KSA programme is expected to improve significantly in the second half of 2007 which will affect positively the overall delivery of the region.

II. Delivery at the individual country level

As at 31 July 2007, the total delivery estimates of countries with one or more than one million US\$ delivery estimates (4 countries: **Saudi Arabia, Libya, Syria** and **Morocco**) represent 70% of the overall RNE delivery estimates (table 2). It is worth mentioning that the portfolio of the FAO programme in Saudi Arabia represents about 50% of the overall 2007 delivery estimates.

Table 2- Delivery of countries with one or more than one million US\$ delivery estimates

Country	Total Delivery in 2006 (US\$ million)	Delivery as at July 2007 (US\$ million)	% of delivery up to July 2007 vs. Annual Delivery Estimate	Delivery Estimates for 2007 As at July (US\$ million)
Saudi Arabia	9.3	4.6	47	9.7
Libya	2.3	1.1	65	1.7
Syria	1.6	0.9	64	1.4
Morocco	0.6	0.4	31	1.3
Total	14.9	7.0	50	14.1

As mentioned above, the RNE FAO field programme portfolio is concentrated within very few countries. About 90% of the 2007 delivery estimates is distributed among 8 countries; these are the high delivery countries (**Saudi Arabia, Libya, Syria** and **Morocco**), and the medium delivery countries (**Egypt, Mauritania, Sudan** and **Tunisia**).

Countries with low delivery estimates

Countries with delivery estimate less than US\$ 500,000 and higher than US\$ 250,000: **Algeria, Iran** and **Yemen**.

Countries with delivery estimates less than US\$ 250,000 and different than nil: **Djibouti, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Tajikistan** and **Turkmenistan**.

Countries with nil delivery estimates: Five countries (excluding countries operated by TCE- Iraq, Palestine and Somalia)) - **Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Qatar** and **United Arab Emirates**.

As for 2008, the trend is quite similar to 2007. The share of the high delivery countries (**Saudi Arabia, Libya** and **Sudan**) represents about 80% of the overall delivery estimates, with 65% contribution from the FAO programme in Saudi Arabia, according to the present figures in FPMIS.

Also to note that in 2008, potential delivery countries like Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia are expected to face lower portfolio/delivery estimates compared to 2007, unless the situation of the pipeline in these countries improves before the end of the current year.

III. Pipeline in the Near East region

The list of pipeline projects (as at 31 July) shows a total number of 62 projects distributed as in table 4; excluding emergency and telefood projects:

Table 4- RNE pipeline projects/Near East region

Type of project	Final consultation	Active pipeline	Idea	Total
TCP	8	3	7	18
TF/UTF	1	5	10	16
TF/GCP		6	18	24
UNDP	-	-	4	4
Total	9	14	39	62
Estimated total budget (\$m)	4	64	81	149
Budget pipeline for 2007 (\$m)	2	6	7	15

The above table confirms the need for the replenishment of the pipeline in the NE region, the list of the final consultation is limited to only nine projects; eight of them are TCPs.

IV. RNER expected AOS income in 2007

Table 5 shows the expected RNER earnings for 2007 based on the actual delivery and delivery estimate figures:

Table 5- RNER Delivery and AOS Income

Type of fund	2007 delivery estimates (\$million)	Delivery at 31 July 2007 (\$million)	PSC (%)	AOS (US\$)		
				July 2007	Total	
					100% delivery	80% delivery
TCP	0.8	0.4	7	10,000	20,000	17,000
UTF/GCP	12.2	6.3	13	275,000	533,000	462,000
UNDP	0.2	0.2	10	7,000	7,000	6,000
Total	13.2	6.9		292,000	560,000	485,000

RNER AOS income during 2007 is expected to be in the range of \$500,000, enough to cover RNER staff and non staff costs and leave a cash balance of about \$150,000.

V. Issues for consideration and follow-up by RNE and HQ

i) New Agreement FAO/Saudi Arabia (2007-2011): The FAO Programme Coordinator, the Programme Senior Officer and most CTAs of the selected 14 projects were recruited and installed. The remaining three CTAs are expected to join very soon. With all staff in place, the implementation of the programme is expected to reach full speed in the coming few months and

consequently the delivery is expected to improve significantly. In this context, the LTUs should be ready to provide needed technical backstopping and to conduct required field visits for project's inception missions and launching of planned activities.

It is also important to highlight the need for coordinated follow up for the conduction of the programme's inception workshop.

- Newly submitted project: Development of Organic agriculture, for an estimated budget of US\$ 8.2 million, requires close follow up from RNE and HQ.

ii) Pipeline projects:

• *Replenishment of the pipeline:*

As noted in the above table summarizing the situation of pipeline projects in the region, there is real need for the replenishment of the pipeline. In this regard, two groups of countries were identified as priorities for the development of the field programme in the region, these are: 1) Algeria, Iran, Yemen, Egypt, Tunisia, Syria; and 2) Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and UAE.

A coordinated assessment based on country field visits and/or country task force could be an entry point for the identification of actions to undertake for the development of the field programme in these countries.

• *Materialization of formulated projects, mainly GCP/UTF projects:*

- Regional- Marine Resources Programme in the Red Sea- (Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Yemen) (Budget: \$ 4.4 million): This project is expected to be declared operational before the end of the year using the made available funds (\$2.1 million)

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia- Development of Organic agriculture (Budget: \$ 8.2 million)

- Qatar- Capacity building and strengthening of the food control system (Budget: \$ 0.5 million)

- UAE- Strategic Framework for Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Budget: \$ 0.5 million)

- Kuwait Umbrella Programme (UTF projects prepared through TCPs)

- Qatar- UTF Programme (projects prepared using TCP)

- Algeria- UTF pipeline projects

- Libya- UTF pipeline projects (Project- Development of Jabal Lakhdar, draft prodoc formulated by the Forestry Department and discussed with the government authorities for implementation in the near future)

iii) Beyond 2007

Unless large UTF programmes are approved, such as Kuwait and Libya Umbrella Programmes and/or pipeline projects are materializing in other potential countries (mainly UTFs and GCPs), the performance of the RNE field programme is not expected to improve in the near future. In this context and as outlined above, there is need for a close follow up on the replenishment of the region's pipeline and/or the approval of new projects.

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